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SUBJECT: TIP IN TURKEY: IOM REPORTS ON TIP VICTIM
REFERRALS, REPATRIATIONS

1. (U) In an August 5 meeting with Emboff, International Organization on Migration (IOM) Interim Country Director Meltem Ersoy asserted that an increase in TIP victim referrals from the GOT to IOM is a direct result of 1) a series of IOM-funded law enforcement training sessions that focus police efforts on screening potential victims; 2) a growing commitment at the Ministry of Interior (MOI) to combat trafficking; and 3) the establishment of NGO facilities in Istanbul to shelter victims while police conduct anti-TIP investigations. "At this time last year," Ersoy noted, "we couldn't have imagined that the police would be so cooperative," Ersoy said.

2. (U) Ersoy noted that since January 2004, the MOI has referred 37 victims to IOM for repatriation. IOM provided the following details about the victims:

DATE-PLACE OF DEPARTURE	DESTINATION	AGE
02/23/04 - Istanbul	Moldova	19
03/04/04 - Adana	Moldova	21
03/04/04 - Adana	Moldova	26
03/08/04 - Istanbul	Moldova	19
03/08/04 - Istanbul	Moldova	23
03/11/04 - Istanbul	Moldova	23
03/11/04 - Istanbul	Moldova	28
03/22/04 - Istanbul	Ukraine	29
03/22/04 - Istanbul	Ukraine	32
03/28/04 - Istanbul	Ukraine	20
03/28/04 - Istanbul	Moldova	27
05/19/04 - Adana	Ukraine	32
06/10/04 - Ankara	Moldova	19-26 (6 victims)
06/10/04 - Ankara	Azerbaijan	33
06/10/04 - Ankara	Azerbaijan	38
06/16/04 - Istanbul	Romania	16-24 (6 victims)
06/20/04 - Erzurum	Russia	18
07/07/04 - Ankara	Moldova	20
07/07/04 - Ankara	Moldova	25
07/15/04 - Antalya	Moldova	19
07/24/04 - Istanbul	Moldova	19
07/24/04 - Istanbul	Moldova	25
07/28/04 - Ankara	Moldova	17
07/28/04 - Ankara	Moldova	26
08/05/04 - Ankara	Moldova	19
08/05/04 - Ankara	Moldova	20
08/05/04 - Ankara	Moldova	30

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